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# **Fire Jobs**

**U.S. FOREST SERVICE**

## **How to apply to the Eldorado National Forest**

### **Temporary Fire Positions**

#### **Positions Available:**

**Hotshot Crew,**

**Helitack Crew,**

**Fire Engine Crews**

**Lookout**

**Dispatcher**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, NAVIGATE TO: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/eldorado/>

YOU CAN ALSO CONTACT MARK JOHNSON AT: 209-295-5970 TTY/TDD: 209-295-5996.

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# 2014 Fire Jobs - U.S. Forest Service

**Wildland Firefighters** work in a variety of specialized positions. Crews often travel throughout California and other regions of the country. Training is a part of all fire-related positions. Skills development and progressive assignments build fire credentials and eligibility to compete for more senior positions. Duties include, but are not limited to the following:

**Engine Crews** have 5 members who staff 300 to 500 gallon fire engines. Crews perform strenuous physical activities, including constructing “fire lines” with hand tools, “laying hose,” protecting structures, and “mopping up” hotspots along the fire’s edge.

**Fire Patrol and Prevention Technicians** contact forest visitors, and local residents to educate them on fire danger, advise on wildfire prevention, fire safe measures and structure protection including pertinent laws and regulations. During a wildfire, Fire Patrol and Prevention Technicians patrol the fire line to mop-up hotspots.

**Fuels Specialists, Fire Ecologists, Fire Use Specialists, Fire Use Monitors, Fuels Technicians, and Fuels Crews** reduce wildland fire risk to people, their communities and the environment through hazardous fuels reduction activities including: planning, data gathering, treatment prescriptions, and monitoring.

**Hand Crews**, consisting of 18 to 20 men and women, working side by side, construct “fire lines” with hand tools, “burn out” areas using drip torches, and “mop up” hotspots to stop a fire’s spread. The crew may hike to the fireline carrying 25 pound backpacks and hand tools. They may spend 12 hours or more working along the fire perimeter.

**Helitack Crews**, short for “helicopter attack,” are wildland fire suppression crews specializing in helicopter operations – which may include logistical support, construction of helispots in remote areas, or fighting fires in remote areas as the initial response crew. Crew members may land near a fire or rappel (helirappel crews) from a hovering

helicopter.

**Hotshot Crews** are diverse teams of 20 members who uphold a tradition of excellence. There are 20 throughout California. Their core values of “duty, integrity, and respect” have earned Hotshot crews have an excellent reputation as elite teams of multi-skilled professional firefighters.

## Who can apply?

Any U.S. citizen, 18 years of age. Selected candidates will have to successfully pass a physical fitness pack test and may be required to take a drug test.

## Pay rates and benefits?

\$10.57 – \$16.22 per hour (GS-3 thru GS-5). Salary rates may differ based on location. Selected candidates are eligible for vacation and sick leave.

Firefighters are paid an hourly rate. Hourly rates can be substantially increased by extra pay for overtime and hazardous-duty assignments. Overtime hours worked is paid at 1.5 times the hourly rate. Under some circumstances, firefighters also receive an extra hazardous duty pay equal to 25% of the hourly rate.

Firefighters provide their own subsistence while at their home duty station. The Forest Service pays living expense allowances when firefighters are on a fire or project assignment away from their home duty stations.

Housing options such as barracks may be available at a nominal cost to the employee. All barracks facilities provide cooking, bathing, washing, and sleeping areas. Because of the remote locations of some of the duty stations, television and phones may not be available.

## Tour of Duty?

Firefighters generally have a standard 5 day work week, 40 hours per week, with 2 days off. Scheduled days off are often cancelled due to fire emergencies and overtime in excess of 400 hours during the 6 month fire season is not uncommon.

## How to apply?

All easy to follow steps are included in this package.



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**U.S. FOREST SERVICE – Eldorado NF**  
**Forestry Aid and Forestry Technicians**  
**Temporary (1039) Wildland Firefighter**  
**2014 Fire Season**  
**14 DAY ANNOUNCEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS WILL CLOSE**  
**FEBRUARY 12, 2014**

Wildland firefighters work in a variety of specialized positions, including fire engine crews, fuels management, hand crews, helitack, interagency hotshot crews, patrol and prevention technicians and fire lookout positions. Crews often travel throughout California and other areas across the country performing fire suppression and other incident activities. The actual job title for wildland firefighter positions are "Forestry Aid and Forestry Technician".

Pay scales and availability of government provided housing will vary by geographic locations. Firefighters are paid an hourly rate and can earn overtime at 1.5 (time and a half) of their normal pay rate and hazardous duty pay at an extra 25% in some circumstances. Housing/Barracks *may* be available at a nominal cost to employees. Firefighters provide their own subsistence while at their home duty locations. The Forest Service pays living expenses when on a fire assignment or project assignments away from home duty locations. Tour of Duty is generally a 5 day work week of 40 base hours, with 2 days off. Scheduled days off are often cancelled due to emergency assignments. Selectees must be able to meet the arduous fitness level and complete a Work Capacity Test consisting of a 3 mile hike within 45 minutes carrying a 45 pound pack as a condition of hire. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age. All GS-5 and Exclusive Use Helitack GS-4 positions require a minimum of 90 days of Wildland firefighting experience.

**Duties:** Serves as a member of fire crew assigned to suppress the full range of wildland fires independently performing recurring fire suppression duties. Performs assignments as a wildland firefighter in developing a working knowledge of fire suppression and fuels management techniques, practices and terminology. This consists of fireline construction, use of pumps and engines, hose lays using appropriate nozzles and nozzle adjustments in the effective use of water and additives, working in and around aircraft such as helicopters, safety rules, and basic fire behavior. Searches out and extinguishes burning materials by moving dirt, applying water by hose or backpack pump, etc. Chops brush, fells small trees, and moves dirt to construct fireline using various hand tools such as axes, shovels, Pulaski's, McLeod's, and may use power tools including chainsaws and portable pumps to control spreading of wildland fire and/or to prepare control lines prior to burning. Patrols fireline to locate and extinguish embers, flare-ups, and hotspot fires that may threaten developed firelines. Cleans, reconditions, and stores fire tools and equipment.

**How to apply:** Applicants must access the vacancy announcements through USAJobs – <http://usajobs.gov/> . Applicants must establish a profile and build or upload a resume in the USAJobs site. For assistance in navigating USAJobs: [https://help.usajobs.gov/index.php/Main\\_Page](https://help.usajobs.gov/index.php/Main_Page) Once you have established your Profile and Resume, that data will be used in all future applications without the need to reenter. It is recommended that applicants complete the on-line resume and attach a document/resume with past supervisor's contact information to expedite reference checks. Applicants are still required to recertify their application every 60 days. Applicants will need to attach any required supporting documents (IQCS Master Record, DD-214 to claim Veterans Preference, Transcripts, etc.) for each job applied to – they are not automatically added to your application from your profile. If your application documents are too large (more than 3MB) to upload into USAJOBS, you can convert your documents into a Portable Document Format (PDF) file to reduce the file size. Please read the entire Vacancy Announcement carefully. Applicants respond to a series of questions to determine Core Eligibility, Minimum Qualification and Assessment Questions. Your responses will be evaluated by Subject Matter Experts

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(SMEs) and Human Resources to confirm supporting documentation and experience from your resume and past Supervisor's reference checks. **Any level of Knowledge, Skills, Abilities and Competencies (KSACs) claimed in the Assessment statements must be supported and documented in your resume and attachments.**

**Veterans** are encouraged to apply on the USAJobs web site under the Demo Authority (DP) where Veterans Preference is applied to eligible applicants. Veterans MUST submit a DD-214 if you are claiming Veteran's Preference.

JOB TITLE GRADE	SERIES &	VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER
• Forestry Aid (Fire Suppression) (Entry Level)	GS-462-3	TEMP-R5-GS462-3-SUPPR-DT
• Forestry Aid (Fire Suppression)	GS-462-4	<a href="#">TEMP-R5-GS462-4-SUPPR-DT</a>
• Forestry Technician (Fire Engine Operator)	GS-462-4	<a href="#">TEMP-R5-GS462-4-ENG-DT</a>
• Forestry Technician (Fire Engine Operator)	GS-462-5	<a href="#">TEMP-R5-GS462-5-ENG-DT</a>
• Forestry Technician (Hotshot)	GS-462-4	<a href="#">TEMP-R5-GS462-4-HS/HC-DT</a>
• Forestry Technician (Hotshot)	GS-462-5	TEMP-R5-GS462-5-HS/HC-DT
• Forestry Technician (Handcrew)	GS-462-4	<a href="#">TEMP-R5-GS462-4-HS/HC-DT</a>
• Forestry Technician (Handcrew)	GS-462-5	TEMP-R5-GS462-5-HS/HC-DT
• Forestry Technician (Helitack)	GS-462-4	<a href="#">TEMP-R5-GS462-4-HELITK-DT</a>
• Forestry Technician (Helitack)	GS-462-5	<a href="#">TEMP-R5-GS462-5-HELITK-DT</a>
• Forestry Technician (Lookout)	GS-462-4	TEMP-R5-GS462-4-LOOKOUT-DT
• Forestry Technician (Lookout)	GS-462-5	TEMP-R5-GS462-5-LOOKOUT-DT
• Forestry Technician (Dispatcher)	GS-462-4	<a href="#">TEMP-R5-GS462-4-FIR-DSP-DT</a>
• Forestry Technician (Dispatcher*)	GS-462-5	<a href="#">TEMP-R5-GS462-5-FIR-DSP-DT</a>
○ *Wildland Firefighting experience required		

There may not be a second offer at a more desirable location. Applicants are strongly encouraged to make personal contacts with Fire staff at desired locations. Speak directly with Module Leaders/Captains when possible. Most remote locations do offer housing and some do not. It is best to understand your housing needs and options prior to applying to those locations.

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## **ELDORADO NATIONAL FOREST Fire Module Information and Contacts**

Amador Ranger District  
26820 Silver Drive, Pioneer CA 95666  
209-295-4251

STATION	MODULE	CAPTAIN	PHONE	Duty Location
Dew Drop	Engine 13	Scott Kizziar	209-295-1289	Pioneer
Lumberyard	Engine 14	Sean McGinness	209-295-5971	Pioneer

You may also contact Mark Johnson, BC-11 at (209-295-5970).

Georgetown Ranger District  
7600 Wentworth Springs Road, Georgetown CA 95634  
209-333-4312

STATION	MODULE	CAPTAIN	PHONE	Duty Location
Georgetown	Engine 33	Jacobie Waters	530-333-5584	Georgetown
Quintette	Engine 34	Jeff Goyings	530-333-5598	Georgetown
Georgetown	Crew 31A	Eric Potter	530-333-5574	Georgetown

You may also contact Brian Ebert, BC-31 at (530-333-5572).

Pacific Ranger District  
7887 Highway 50, Pollock Pines CA 95726  
530-647-2349

STATION	MODULE	CAPTAIN	PHONE	Duty Location
Pacific	Engine 53	Lucas Birch	530-647-5464	Pollock Pines
Crystal	Engine 54	Rob Scott	530-647-5467	Pollock Pines
Big Hill Helitack	Helitack 516	Bob Kafka	530-647-5468	Pollock Pines
Pacific Helicopter	Helitack 515	Darrin Yost	530-647-5466	Pollock Pines

You may also contact Sean Ferrell, BC-51 at (530-647-5465).

Placerville Ranger District  
4260 Eight Mile Road, Camino CA 95709  
530-644-2324

STATION	MODULE	CAPTAIN	PHONE	Duty Location
Grizzly	Engine 63	Mike Loeffler	530-647-5342	Grizzly Flat
Kyburz	Engine 64	Bernie Quinonez	530-647-5318	Kyburz
Sierra Springs	Engine 65	Rich Waters	530-644-6402	Pollock Pines
Sierra Springs	Engine 66	Phil Weston	530-644-6780	Pollock Pines
Sly Park	Eldorado Hotshots	Nick Matheson or Aaron Humphrey	530-644-3588	Pollock Pines
Camino	Dozer 3	Dan Langenderfer Jacob Lucchesi	530-647-5344	Camino
Grizzly	Crew 31B	Rob Allan	530-647-5340	Grizzly Flat

You may also contact Dave Pereira, BC-61 at (530-647-5339).

## APPLYING FOR TEMPORARY FIRE POSITIONS WITH THE US FOREST SERVICE VIA USAJOBS

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The Forest Service utilizes USAJOBS, which is the Federal Government's official job search website.

The internet address is: [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) . Once on their website, you need to click in the upper right corner on **Create an Account**. Here you will be required to create a profile, with a username and password, where you will describe your work experience and your level of education within "Resume Builder".

Note: when applying for a Federal job, you should be very detailed and precise in describing your work experience. Always remember the personnel lists who will be qualifying your application *cannot assume* you have specific experiences or knowledge; you must say it in writing. You will also have the option of attaching additional separate resumes to your profile. This is a good idea since you will not be limited to 5,000 characters as you are in the Resume Builder narrative blocks. You can have a total of 5 separate resumes in your profile, including the one created in Resume Builder. You will be required to attach any certificates to document your knowledge and training.

Once your profile is complete, you can begin applying for jobs!

- Click Search Jobs tab in the upper left of the screen.
- Enter the announcement number in the KEYWORD window.
- Hit **Search** to start the process.
- After the page changes, click on the job title, for example: **Forestry Aid or Forestry Technician**.
- After the page changes again, on the right side of the screen click **Apply Online**.
- Follow the instructions and make sure your resume and necessary attachments are included before submitting application.

In the application process, if you check the box saying you had a GPA of 2.75 or higher in high school or college, you will be required to attach documentation to verify your claim i.e. high school report card or college transcripts. If you have a college degree and are using education plus experience to qualify, you must attach college transcripts however they do not have to be official.

Each forest will have its own vacancy announcements and you are allowed to apply to as many different jobs and duty locations as you desire.